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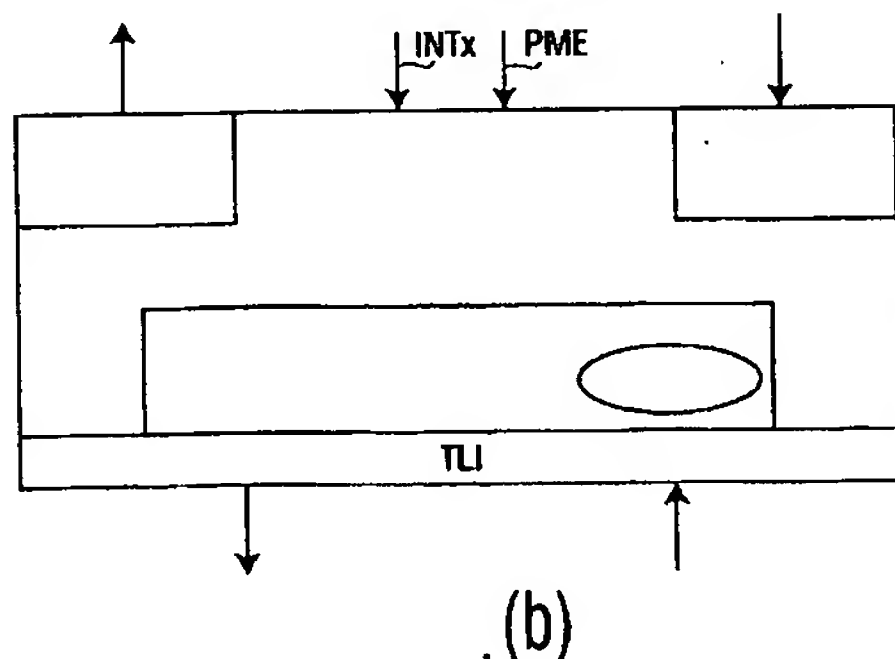
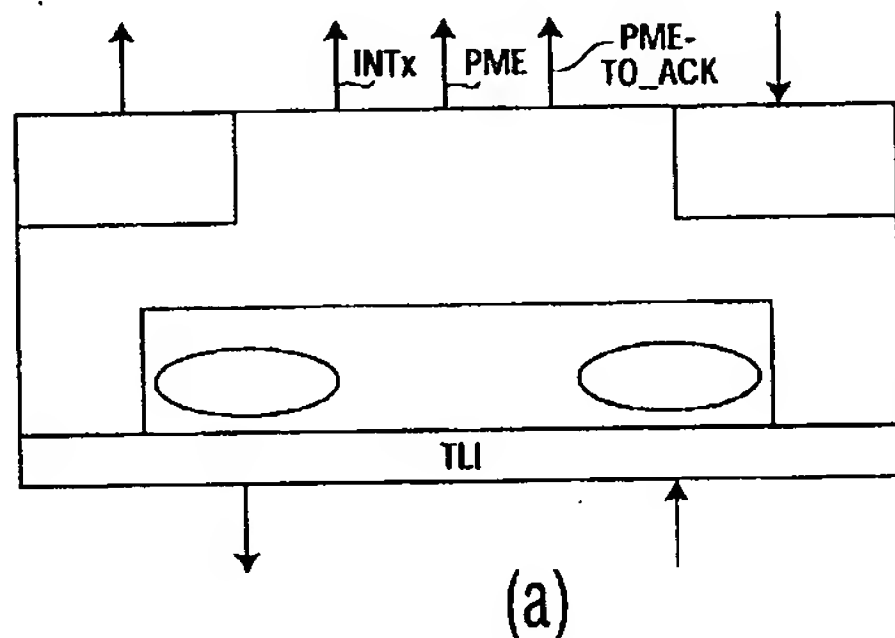
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(57) Abstract: Systems and methods according to the present invention provide serial communication devices which are pin-configurable at power on to operate as either a root (20) or endpoint (22) device. In conjunction with, for example, PCI Express specified I/O data buses (24), such devices provide for efficient transfer of serial data between systems and devices.

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